

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 15, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

Denise Bartlett, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:06 a.m., on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Library of Michigan.

Attendance

Members Present: B. Denise Bartlett, Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr.), Michael Brogan, Kathy Irwin, Elaine Logan, Carolyn Nash, Nancy Robertson, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Lee Van Orsdel, Carol Wolenberg

Members Absent: Senator Steve Bieda, Representative Shanelle Jackson, Senator Dave Robertson, Representative Jim Stamas

Staff Present: Pat Conlen, Sheryl Mase, Sonya Norris, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Karren Reish, Don Todaro

Visitors: Gretchen Couraud, Randy Dykhuis, Andrew Martin (from Rep. Stamas' office), Jim Seidl, Carolyn Sparks, Tim Staal

Agenda

FRANCIS "BUS" SPANIOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**December 7, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

The minutes under the OTHER section were revised to read as follows:
"Bus Spaniola is working on raising funds to translate a book about the life of Tommaso Juglaris, the artist who painted the muses in the Lansing Capitol dome."
THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2011 MEETING WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, AS REVISED, UPON MOTION BY CAROL WOLENBERG.

Board Reports

Board Chair

Denise asked Board members to introduce themselves and provide a short bio. It was noted that Barb Bonge is currently the longest serving member of the Board.

**Board Members'
Reports**

A podcast filmed in the Library of Michigan, of MDE State Superintendent Mike Flanagan talking about MeL, the Michigan eLibrary, was shown to the group.

Legislator Updates

Andrew Martin from Representative Jim Stamas's office presented a legislator report.

**Partnership
Reports**

Cooperatives

Jim Seidl presented the Cooperatives' report at the meeting. Jim handed out a summary of the findings of the Cooperative Directors Survey. The survey results will be shared with libraries for further discussion.

MAME

Tim Staal distributed the MAME Report at the meeting. Tim is resigning at the end of June to pursue a new job as the head librarian at the American School of Bombay in Mumbai, India. MAME will be looking at how to regroup/recreate itself.

MCLS Randy Dykhuis presented the MCLS Report. The next component of MeL will allow patrons to request magazine articles through MeL.

MLA The MLA Report was distributed at the meeting. Gretchen Couraud gave a state budget update as it relates to libraries. Kathy Irwin spoke about the MLA report, and stressed the importance of outcomes and impactful stories.

State Librarian's Report MeL was awarded the MACUL President's Award.

Nancy introduced Library of Michigan staff present at the meeting:
Sheryl Mase, Statewide Services Assistant Director
Lori Poznanski-Mason, Administrative Assistant to the State Librarian
Pat Conlen, Financial Analyst
Carolyn Sparks, LM Foundation Director
Sonya Norris, Library Consultant and Website Administrator
Karren Reish, Library Consultant
Don Todaro, Assistant Director

The Library has hired a new state aid data coordinator. His name is Joseph Hamlin and he will start March 5.

The interviews for the Law Reference Librarian position will begin soon.

Library of Michigan Financial Analyst Pat Conlen distributed the 2011-2012 LM Spending Plan and the FY12/FY13 Budget Comparison sheet at the meeting. Pat described the types of funding LM has and their purpose.

Sonya Norris presented information about the Plinkit program for Michigan libraries. The Plinkit program helps small and rural libraries create and maintain a library website for free. Plinkit sessions will be offered at the Rural Libraries Conference and at the Beginning Workshop. The Rural Libraries Conference will be May 2-4 in Traverse City and the Beginning Workshop will be held May 15-17 in Bellaire.

Karren Reish talked about the SL21 and QSAC programs of the Library of Michigan. These programs award certificates to school libraries and public libraries for meeting certain criteria. More information on these programs can be found at www.michigan.gov/sl21 and www.michigan.gov/qsac.

Karren spoke about the LSTA program and the requirements to receive and spend funds. Meetings will be held to assess the needs of libraries that could be funded by LSTA federal funds. Karren invited board members to attend these meetings. The LSTA website is www.michigan.gov/lsta. Karren noted that there is a spot for an LM Board member to be an ex-officio member on the LSTA Advisory Council. They meet twice per year, and the first meeting will be May 8. Please let Karren know if you are interested.

**LM Foundation
Report**

Library of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Director Carolyn Sparks presented the Foundation report. The 2012 list of LMF Board of Directors was distributed at the meeting. Carolyn reported on the assets of the Foundation. One of the current goals of the Board is to add new members.

The Night for Notables (N4N) event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. Starting this year, N4N will be scheduled on the last Saturday in April.

The LMF continues to work with Target on the Library of Michigan's Michigan Reads! program.

Old Business
Bylaws

Revised Bylaws were distributed at the meeting. They will be reviewed and voted upon at the next LM Board meeting.

New Business
Resolutions

ELAINE LOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF CHARLES MYERS, SENATOR IRMA CLARK-COLEMAN, SENATOR TOM GEORGE, LEGISLATIVE AIDE JILL COSTELLO, AND MICHAEL O. SMITH. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2012 Meeting
Dates**

The Board determined they would meet on the following dates in 2012:
Wednesday, April 11
Wednesday, September 12
Wednesday, November 14
The meetings will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Lori will make the room reservations.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the option of having a tour of the Library as part of the April 11 LM Board meeting.

Adjournment

BARB BONGE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:18 P.M.

B. Denise Bartlett, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian